

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 6 August 1956		2. LOCATION La Jolla, California		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☒ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2000 GMT 07/0500Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION not reported		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE maneuvered	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One object size head of thumbtack. Color pinkish glow.				11. COMMENTS Probable a/c; however, the report contains insufficient data for evaluation.	

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
5TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

23 August 1956

IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D-24-21-179

SUBJECT: (Unclassified)
Report of Unidentified Flying Object as Seen by
[REDACTED] Civilian, [REDACTED]
La Jolla, California, on 6 August 1956 in the
general vicinity of La Jolla Shores, California

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
ATTN: AFOIN 4E4
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

1. Transmitted herewith for your information is one (1) photo-
static copy of Spot Intelligence Report, dated 17 August 1956, from
the 18th OSI District (IG), Cheli AF Station, Maywood, California,
file 18D 24-0-191, concerning subject matter.

2. Your attention is invited to the provisions of AFR 124-1,
which prohibit the release of investigative information to unauthor-
ized persons.

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Spot Rpt dtd 17 Aug 56

Copy furnished:
Dir OSI w/o Incl

Wm G. Hines
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Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Report of Unidentified Flying Object as seen by [REDACTED], Civilian, [REDACTED] La Jolla, California, on 6 August 1956 in the general vicinity of La Jolla Shores, California

SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: On 6 August 1956, at approximately 1945 hours, [REDACTED], while observing jet aircraft flying over the La Jolla Shores area, California, alleges he saw an unidentified flying object suddenly appear. It crossed the jet vapor trail of one of the aircraft, made a 90 degree turn, and headed north up the coast of California. The object appeared elliptical in shape, gave off a pinkish glow, and seemed to be traveling at an exceptionally fast rate of speed.

2. DETAILS: At 0900 hours, 7 August 1956, C. D. MUMFORD, Civilian Assistant District Intelligence Officer, Office of Naval Intelligence, Eleventh Naval District, San Diego, California, telephonically advised Special Agent FREDERICK L. KISS, San Diego OSI Detachment Commander, this District, that a Mr. [REDACTED] who resided at [REDACTED] La Jolla, California, phone number [REDACTED] had reported the alleged sighting of an unidentified flying object in the La Jolla Shores area at approximately 2000 hours, 6 August 1956. MUMFORD stated that ONI had no further interest in the matter, and therefore referred the matter to the San Diego OSI Detachment for such action as deemed

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3. On 7 August 1956, [REDACTED], age 47, an architect, [REDACTED] La Jolla, California, was interviewed by Special Agent JOSEPH L. [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised that while standing in the dining room of his home, which has an unobstructed panoramic view of the entire La Jolla Shores area as far north along the coast as the

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eye can see, he observed what appeared to be two jet aircraft flying in a descending pattern with trailing jet vapor trails. Due to the apparent descent of the aircraft, [REDACTED] could not determine whether they were proceeding toward or away from him, such direction being either north-northwest, or south-southeast, as the case might be. While observing the aircraft, he noticed an unidentified object which crossed the vapor trail of one of the aircraft. Immediately thereafter the object made a 90 degree turn, heading approximately north at an exceptional rate of speed. The object, as described by [REDACTED], was elliptical in shape and of a silvery metallic color. When making the 90 degree turn northward, the object appeared to take on a pinkish glow. [REDACTED] could make no comment as to the speed, altitude, or size of the object other than to say that when compared (relatively) to the size of the jet aircraft which appeared as pinpoints, the object had the (relative) size of the head of a thumbtack. He further stated that the object appeared to be traveling much faster than the jet aircraft, and disappeared from view almost instantaneously after making the 90 degree turn. [REDACTED] added that upon seeing the object, he called his wife and son who both observed the same incident.

4. Mrs. [REDACTED], age 42, occupation, housewife and sculptress, same address, corroborated her husband's statement with only minor variations. Her statement was to the effect that the jet aircraft appeared to be ascending in what might have been an attempt to overtake the unidentified flying object; however, the object was traveling at a much higher rate of speed and disappeared from view almost immediately, leaving the jet aircraft far behind.

5. [REDACTED], age 21, an architectural assistant, the son of [REDACTED], same address, advised that his observation of the unidentified flying object was for a relatively short period of time, and that he could offer no further enlightening comment. He stated that the object appeared to have a definite shape but could not comment as to its exact shape. In addition, he said that the object appeared to give off a glowing light. He was very skeptical as to the possibility of its being a foreign object or "flying saucer-type device."

6. Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] were very positive that the object could not have been a meteorological balloon, meteorite, or the type of aircraft commonly sighted in this area.

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7. [REDACTED] went on to state that he has sighted similar objects on various occasions while an architect at Santa Fe, New Mexico. The first sighting allegedly occurred in 1950, at which time he and his staff of seven draftsmen observed a similar unidentified flying object

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for approximately twenty-eight minutes. The object seen at that time flew a general zigzag pattern within a contained area. None of the previously-sighted objects were reported due to [REDACTED] belief that no might be subjected to ridicule as a result.

8. ACTION: No similar reports relative to this matter were received. A survey of the area within the immediate vicinity of [REDACTED] residence failed to reveal any person who had seen an unidentified flying object in the La Jolla vicinity on 6 August 1956. No further action is contemplated relative to the report received.

9. This correspondence is classified CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to the authority contained in paragraph 30c(2)(h), AFR 205-1.

cc: Air Tech Intel
Cent, Attn:
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PAUL H. CREWS
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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454/Capt G.T. Gregory/
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SUBJECT: OSI Report of UFO Sighting - La Jolla Shores, California

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AFOIN-4X2c

TO:

Commander
4602d Air Intelligence Service Squadron (ADC)
Ent Air Force Base
Colorado Springs, Colorado

AFOIN-4X3

AFOIN-4X4

1. Subject report from the Office of Special Investigations is forwarded to your headquarters for any action necessary, in accordance with AFR 200-2.

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2. Distribution does not indicate that this matter is being coordinated with, or that a copy has been forwarded to your headquarters, as established by existing policies regarding UFO sightings.

AFOIN-4B

3. Pending further information, on the basis of limited data submitted on OSI report, this sighting will be considered in the "insufficient data" category.

FOR THE COMMANDER

AFOIN-4C

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OSI Ltr dtd 23 Aug w/1 attach.

T. J. CONNAIR, JR.
MAJOR, USAF.
Adjutant

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GT Gregory 31 Aug 56
H. H. Miley 31/8/56

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